

**Section I. (Amendments to the Specification)**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, after the heading "Title of the Invention," please replace the title "Fibres embedded in a glassy Protein," with the following new title:

**ARTICLE COMPRISING FIBERS EMBEDDED IN A GLASSY PROTEIN**

On page 1, please insert below the title as amended above, and before the heading "Field of the Invention," the following new paragraph:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §371 and claims the priority of International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/012295 filed 29 October 2004, which in turn claims the priority of Great Britain Patent Application No. GB 0325354.9 filed 30 October 2003. The disclosures of said International Patent Application and said Great Britain Patent Application are hereby incorporated herein by reference, in their respective entireties.